

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 1474, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system. Signed on October 28, 2003. (Public Law 108-100).

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 29, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the future of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the International Space Station, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret DeBardeleben Tutwiler, of Alabama, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Afghanistan, and Louise V. Oliver, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization, and to be U.S. Representative to the 32nd and General Conference of UNESCO, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine challenges for U.S. policy toward Colombia, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 423, to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities, S. 1172, to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, proposed Head Start Improvement and School Readiness Act, proposed Human Services Reauthorization Act, proposed Pension Stability Act, proposed Health Care Safety Net Amendments Technical Corrections Act, and the nominations of Robert Lerner, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics, Leslie Silverman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Stuart Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine intellectual diversity on America's college campuses, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing on S. 1770, to establish a voluntary

alternative claims resolution process to reach a settlement of pending class action litigation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine competitive and economic effects of the Bowl Championship series on and off the field, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James B. Comey, of New York, to be Deputy Attorney General, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the following measures: H.J. Res. 74, recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for the important service it provides for the Nation; H.R. 1367, National Veterinary Medical Services Act; H.R. 2304, to resolve boundary conflicts in the vicinity of the Mark Twain National Forest in Barry and Stone Counties, Missouri, that resulted from private landowner reliance on a subsequent Federal survey; H.R. 3157, to provide for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist State and local employees of the Department in coordination with other disaster agencies in response to a federally declared disaster area as a result of a disaster; and H.R. 3217, to provide for the conveyance of several small parcels of National Forest System land in the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida, to resolve boundary discrepancies involving the Mt. Trial Primitive Baptist Church of Wakulla County, Florida, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Iraq Reconstruction and Stability Operations: The Way Forward, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on "The Pension Underfunding Crisis: How Effective Have Funding Reforms Been?" 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing on World Bank lending to Iran, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, oversight hearing entitled "Decision Time: A New Human Resources Management System at the Department of Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "Agency Compliance with FFMIA—Private Sector Views," 2:30 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "The Ongoing Tragedy of International Slavery and Human Trafficking: An Overview," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, joint hearing on the Challenge of Terrorism in Asia and the Pacific, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, to mark up H. Res. 390, recognizing the continued importance of the transatlantic

relationship and promoting stronger relations with Europe by reaffirming the need for a continued and meaningful dialogue between the United States and Europe, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Central Asia: Terrorism, Religious Extremism, and Regional Stability, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 237, honoring the late Rick Lupe, lead forestry technician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency, for his dedication and service to the United States and for his essential service in fighting wildfires and protecting the environment and communities of Arizona; H.R. 154, to exclude certain properties from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources; H.R. 265, Mount Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 280, National Aviation Heritage Act; H.R. 421, Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Advancement Act of 2003; H.R. 506, Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act; H.R. 958, Hydrographic Services Amendments of 2003; H.R. 1058, to provide for an exchange of certain private property in Colorado and certain Federal property in Utah; H.R. 1594, St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 1618, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1629, Upper Missouri River Breaks Boundary Clarification Act; H.R. 1648, Carpinteria and Montecito Water Distribution Systems Conveyance Act of 2003; H.R. 1732, Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003; H.R. 1862, Oil Region National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1964, Highlands Stewardship Act; H.R. 2408, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2003; H.R. 2425, Quinault Permanent Fisheries Fund Act; H.R. 2489, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Distribution of Judgment

Funds Act; H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship; H.R. 2693, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2003; H.R. 2707, Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act; H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park; H.R. 2907, Northern Arizona National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003; H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project; S. 523, Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2003; S. 625, Tualatin River Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2003; S. 677, Black Canyon of the Gunnison Boundary Revision Act of 2003; S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior; and S. 1233, National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2003, 10 a.m.; and to hold a hearing on H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on NASA's Organizational and Management Challenges in the Wake of the Columbia Disaster, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 11 a.m., HC-5, Capitol.